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Sir:

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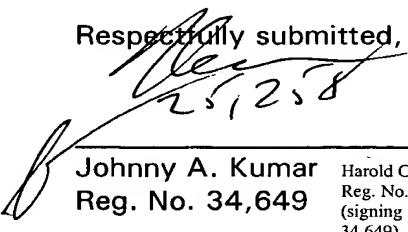
RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENT

Document A1 that the running body is temporarily accelerated until the speed becomes faster than a target speed during an approach run from the home position to an original reading start position point. The speed is then reduced to the target speed. By doing so, a moving time of the running body can be reduced.

An English translation of document A1 is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609). An English language abstract is provided for document A1.

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	A1	2000-101791	4-7-2000	Japan			Abstract

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